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Applicants: G. Goicoechea et al. : Art Unit/Examiner

Serial No.: 08/463,987 : ATTN: REFUND SECTION

Filed: June 5, 1995 : Accounting Division

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

(Improper charge of Deposit Account)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Refund Section, Accounting Division,

Office of Finance

SIR:

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account No. 18-0350 shown on the statement dated <u>June 30, 1995</u> for the above-identified

- [X] divisional application.
- [] patent.
- [X] A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs, accompanies this request.

II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND IS REQUESTED

		REFUND REQUESTED
[]	Filing fee	
[]	Surcharge for filing the basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application (37 CRF 1.16(e))	
	and/or	
[]	Surcharge for filing the oath or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application (37 CFR 1.16(e))	
[]	Extension of term	
	month	
[]	Excess claims	
[]	Issue fee	
[]	Petition fee	
[]	Patent maintenance fee	
	maintenance fee	
[]	Patent maintenance fee surcharge	
[X]	Other Date Posted 6/30/95 Control No. 11127 Description 08463987 Fee Code 101	\$137.00
	TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED	\$137.00

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III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

The contested charge to the deposit account is listed under fee code 101, which is the code for the basic filing fee. Upon reviewing the application as filed, applicant can identify no shortfall in the amount submitted with the application that would require additional payments.

Specifically, as shown on the fee calculation sheet (copy enclosed) submitted with the application, the applicant owed the basic filing fee for a small entity (the small entity declaration having been filed in prior application no. 08/317,763) of \$365, plus the additional fee of \$228 for submission of 6 extra independent claims, for a total of \$593. applicant's attorneys' records reflect payment of this amount by check enclosed with the application (copy of check stub enclosed). As further confirmation that the full \$593 was submitted to and acknowledged by the U.S. PTO, enclosed is a copy of the post card submitted with the application and returned to applicant's attorneys by the U.S. PTO. The postcard shows that applicants submitted a check for \$593.

Accordingly, because the full \$593 was paid and no additional fee beyond the \$593 is due, applicant's attorneys' deposit account no. 18-0350 was improperly charged the amount of \$137. Refund of this amount is respectfully requested by crediting this deposit account.

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IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by

- [X] crediting Account No. 18-0350.
- [] refunding payment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Wheatcraft, Reg. No. 36,307 Attorney for Applicants

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Dated: September 25, 1995

Enclosures: Monthly Statement;

Post Card;

Fee Calculation Sheet;

Check Stub

500 N. Gulph Road P.O. Box 980 Valley Forge, PA 19482 (610) 265-6666

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 18-0350 of any fees associated with this communication.

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4. X	4. X A check in the amount of \$593.00 is enclosed.										
5. X	 Cancel in this application original claims <u>2-53</u> of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.) 										
	The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is (are) <u>George Goicoechea</u> , lohn Hudson, and Claude Mialhe.										

1	OR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.60 This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.60(b), the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application
8. X	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
	"This application is a continuation X division
	of application number <u>08/317,763</u> , filed <u>October 4, 1994</u> , (status: pending) which is a Continuation-in-Part of application 08/312,881, filed September 27, 1994, status: pending. "
9.	New formal drawings are enclosed.
10. X	Priority of application numbers <u>EP94400284.9, filed on February 9, 1994 in the EPO and EP94401306.9, filed on June 10, 1994 in the EPO</u> is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
	X The certified copy has been filed in prior application number <u>08/312,881</u> , filed <u>September 27, 1994</u> .
11. X	A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
12. X	The prior application is assigned of record to <u>MinTec, Incorporated</u> .
13.	Also enclosed
14. X	The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Paul F. Prestia (Reg. No. 23,031), Allan Ratner (Reg. No. 19,717), Andrew L. Ney (Reg. No. 20,300), Kenneth N. Nigon (Reg. No. 31,549), Kevin R. Casey (Reg. No. 32,117), Guy T. Donatiello (Reg. No. 33,167), James C. Simmons (Reg. No. 24,842), Viviana Amzel (Reg. No. 30,930), Benjamin E. Leace (Reg. No. 33,412), Lawrence E. Ashery (Reg. No. 34,515), Christopher R. Lewis (Reg. No. 36,201), Steven E. Koffs (Reg. No. 37,163), Anthony L. DiBartolomeo (Reg. No. 37,308), Allan M. Wheatcraft (Reg. No. 36,307), and Anthony Grillo (Reg. No. 36,535). a. X The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
	b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
	Address all future correspondence to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.) Paul F. Prestia Ratner & Prestia 500 N. Gulph Road P.O. Box 980 Valley Forge, PA 19482 (610) 265-6666
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